

PALTmed Texas Geriatrics Annual Conference 2025: *GERIATRICS: A Capitol Idea*
Session Objectives and Speaker Bio(s)

Speaker(s): Renee Blanch-Haley, RN and Mark Kendall, LBSW

Title: *HHSC LTCR Overview*

Friday, August 1 from 10:30 am to 11:30 am

Objectives:

1. Present an overview of health and safety of long-term care facilities.
2. Monitoring and managing the safety of long-term care facilities.
3. Highlight upcoming priorities and initiatives within the long-term care monitoring.

Renee Blanch-Haley has been with Long Term Care Regulation (LTCR) 25 years. Renee is a Registered Nurse with a background in critical care nursing prior to coming to LTCR. She started with LTCR as a nurse surveyor and over the past several years has worked in various positions with the agency to include Compliance Reviewer, Enforcement (Regional) Coordinator, Regional Liaison, Regional Director, and Director of Field and Survey Operations. Currently, Renee is the Deputy Associate Commissioner of Survey and Compliance where she oversees all survey and inspection activity for providers regulated by LTCR.

Mark Kendall is the Director of Survey Operations for HHSC Long Term Regulation. Mark graduated from Stephen F. Austin State University with Bachelor of Social Work and has been a Licensed Social worker for twenty-nine years. Work Experience includes working for HHSC Long Term Regulation last twenty-seven years as a Social Services Surveyor, Program Manager, Regional Director for twelve years, and one of the Directors of Survey Operations since October 2022.